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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Mr. Joseph Freehill

1. On 6 March 1956, Col. White and the undersigned met with Mr. Joseph Freehill, Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, in his office, for about an hour.

2. The purpose of the meeting was to advise Mr. Freehill that the Director had finally selected Langley as the site for the new CIA headquarters building, and to deliver to him a copy of the NCPC report and of the most recent correspondence between the Director and the NCPC.

3. Mr. Freehill directed the discussion to the subject of roads. He expressed the view that we were overoptimistic in assuming that the construction of the Parkway would meet even our traffic needs for an appreciable period of time. He added that even if our needs were thus satisfactorily met, that we would be placing a burden upon the County road system to the general detriment of the County, against which the County must necessarily take reasonable precautions. He noted for example that nothing we contemplated doing with regard to the roads would ease the situation along Route 123 between the CIA site and Route 7; and that persons, such as the undersigned, who live in western Fairfax County would add to the burden of already overcrowded roads.

4. Mr. Freehill further expressed the view that since the County obviously had insufficient funds for meeting this problem, and since experience told him that the State could not be expected to make a substantial contribution, the responsibility for improving the road system in the general vicinity of Langley as suggested in the NCPC final report and earlier discussions must be borne by the Federal Government. He further expressed the view that since the Agency was accelerating this problem, the Agency should ask the Congress for the necessary funds at this time.

5. Col. White's reply was that the Agency was not in the road-building business. Although we would be happy to assist the County at any time in presenting the factual position, we could not lobby

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for roads. As for requesting funds at this time, we already have our authorization and are going in now for appropriations. If we wanted to increase the total amount at this time we would have to go back and get a new or increased authorization. This would be time-consuming and since there are other areas still interested in getting CIA, it might result in delaying our appropriation beyond this year. It was further pointed out to Mr. Freehill that although CIA might aggravate certain traffic problems in the County, it was not solely responsible for them; and therefore, neither it nor the Federal Government should be solely responsible for the total necessary road improvements.

6. Although the entire conversation was most tactfully conducted on both sides, Mr. Freehill's viewpoint boiled down to this: the County needs the roads; CIA's moving to Langley makes us at least partially responsible for accelerating the need; CIA should therefore request Congress for additional funds; if we don't, the County will be forced to make a representation to the Congress.

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